

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastside Water District
Thursday, October 17, 2019**

Chairman Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Turlock Irrigation District Office, 333 Canal Drive, Turlock, CA.

Present Directors: Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson, Dexter Long, Norik Naraghi, Al Rossini, and Wes Sperry

Others Present: Mike Day, Provost and Pritchard, Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions, John Lambie, EPUR, Allan Vera-Garcia, EPUR, Brent Stout, Karen Whipp, Board Secretary, and Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

ITEM 2 Public Comments: Chase Hurley stated he appreciate the discussions landowners were having with Turlock Irrigation District.

ITEM 3 It was moved by Wes Sperry, seconded by Ward Burroughs, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 board meeting.

ITEM 4 The financial report showed \$1,084,633.04 as of August 31, 2019. It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Wes Sperry, and **carried unanimously**, that the bills as presented, for October 2019 be paid.

ITEM 5 The Water Consultant reported on the annexation progress, including a public hearing being set the first week in December.

ITEM 6 Regarding the Diffused Surface Water Project:

- a. Rouse Lake Area (North System):
 - i. The water consultant stated there was nothing new to report at this time.
- b. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. There was an update on the Pilot Dry Wells Project, including working on a contract for metering the wells. Also, Merced County Environmental Health has a new permitting process in place,
 - ii. The water consultant gave a brief update on the operations, including the new locking structure and replacement batteries on the solar panel. He also showed photos of the gate and walkway of the bifurcation structure.
 - iii. Kevin gave an update on the proposed pipeline to convey Merced Irrigation District Water to Mustang Creek and the funding opportunity through the Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART drought resiliency program. A committee including Al Rossini, Dexter Long, and Norik Naraghi will meet with legal counsel and the water consultant to work on guidelines for the pipeline project that will be brought back to the board for review and discussion at a later date.
 - iv. Kevin gave a brief update on the Merced Irrigation District H2O Symposium held October 9, 2019.

- c. Pilot Project Proposal for TID Drain F-1 (Grizzly Ranch):
 - i. John Lambie, EPUR gave a report on data collection and the current progress on the project.
 - ii. Kevin gave a brief update about Central Valley Pump installing a pump at the Grizzly Ranch site.
- d. Proposal for TID Water Out of the TID Main Canal (Beck Ranch) and Others:
 - i. Kevin gave a brief update.

ITEM 7

Kevin Kauffman gave a brief update on the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority, including the Round 3 of the Department of Water Resources' Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

- a. Following Kevin's report, it was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Tim Johnson, and **carried unanimously**, to submit a letter of support from Eastside Water District and authorize the board chairman to sign the letter in support of the Modesto Subbasin's application as part of Round 3 of the Department of Water Resources' Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.
- b. Regarding other direction to Eastside Water District representatives on the JPA board; there was no new direction.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Eastside Water District of Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California.

October 17, 2019

Karen L. Whipp

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